

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-11 ISO-00 ACDA-12 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-13  
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R 151110Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2252  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY  
AMCONSUL CALCUTTA  
AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PARM  
SUBJECT: NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES

REF: STATE 149147 (NOTAL)

1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT THE DEPT HAS INFORMED THE INDIAN EMBASSY OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT PROVIDING NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES. IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO QUERIES HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER DEPT PROVIDED INDIAN EMBASSY ANY EXPLANATION OF APPLICABILITY OF THESE ASSURANCES TO INDIA. SPECIFICALLY, IS THE INDIAN SITUATION ENCOMPASSED BY THE LANGUAGE IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE STATEMENT, "OR ANY COMPARABLE INTERNATIONALLY BINDING COMMITMENT NOT TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES," ON THE BASIS OF PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S PLEDGE AT THE UNSSOD AND PREVIOUSLY THAT INDIA WOULD NOT CONDUCT FURTHER NUCLEAR TESTS NOR ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS? WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT WHICH DEPT CAN PROVIDE

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AT THIS TIME.

2. THE JUNE 15 PRESS REPORTS THAT PM DESAI TOLD U.S. BASED INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE NOT TO USE NUCLEAR FORCES AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR POWERS WAS "ONE STEP FORWARD" BUT "NOT ENOUGH. UNLESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE NOT USED AT ALL, THERE IS NO SAFETY.

ONCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS GO OFF, DO YOU THINK OTHER COUNTRIES  
ARE GOING TO REMAIN SAFE?" (QUOTE CARRIED IN "THE STATES-  
MAN.")  
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## Message Attributes

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